ARMY E NAVY

IF IT WON'T HELP W'N THE WAR — FORGET IT!

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RUMORS

Let's Run 'em Down!

Rumor spreading is a popular pastime among unthinking people. Assuming the attitude of an "expert" with inside dope on a situation makes the rumor-spreader feel BIG and important.

The fact is that rumor-spreaders are SABATEURS. Many rumors spread throughout the plant never get to the Executive Offices and are therefore difficult to combat. Those that do are promptly posted on the RUMOR BOARD in Victory Lane. **The correct answer is posted along with each rumor.**

Most of these rumors start from a casual remark and are not necessarily Axis-inspired. Passing from one person to another, each embroiders it with "extras", so by the time it reaches the Executive Offices it has often assumed fantastic (and sometimes alarming) proportions.

Recently it was rumored that a certain department in an airplane plant was to be moved. This was merely part of plans to streamline activities of the company by having deparments with similar interests working in close proximity to each other, saving steps, time and phone calls. Twenty-four hours later the rumor-spreaders had added another reason for the "move" — namely, that the particular building housing the department to be moved was "unsafe", and that this was the reason for moving it. The rumor was quickly spiked.

So if YOU hear **any** "rumors", don't accept them at face value. Report them to Sherman Miller in Personnel, who will investigate and dispose of them quickly and effectively.

If you do not have time to report personally, grab a "rumor blank" and write a few notes regarding the "rumor" and drop it in the Suggestion Box. It will be taken care of immediately. You need not sign the blank.

So far, our organization has been relatively free from rumors since only two that were worth replying to have been turned in. BUT it takes only ONE rumor to start trouble. So don't fail to pass them on to Personnel, where they will receive the right kind of attention.

—— BUY WAR BONDS ——

BILL SLAKEY of Slakey Bros., one of our distributors in Oakland, California, was a visitor to the plant March 10h. Mrs. Slakey came along and did some sight seeing.

EDITORIAL

M. B. P.

PLOMB EMPLOYEES' PROFIT SHARING FUND

Each of you who qualified for a deposit in your name for the calendar year 1943 was undoubtedly pleasantly surprised to receive your certificate, indicating the number of dollars to your credit in this irrevocable trust fund.

It was even a more pleasant surprise to many of you who qualified in 1942, to note a further deposit to your account in 1943, plus the earnings on your 1942 deposit.

The fund is described in the "Handbook for Plomb People". Briefly, it is a means by which the company says to us employees of years of service that it appreciates our work and stability in a real and tangible manner.

The assets of the fund are in the form of U. S. Government bonds and cash, and are separate from all other company or employee funds. Payments will be distributed in a manner and at a time described in the handbook and as may be modified from time to time by Government regulations pertaining to such trusts.

The best way to describe the fund is to call it an "extra dividend" — or to classify it as another of the very real reasons why many of us like to work for the Plomb Tool Company.

—— BUY WAR BONDS ——

ANNETTE LORRAINE, grandaughter of Andy Toth, and all of 2½ years old.

"Dear 'Nette I think that God above
Created you just for me to love
He picked you out from all the rest
Because he knew I'd love you best."

—— BUY WAR BONDS ——

CREDIT UNION DOES IT AGAIN

Bill Heald

Your Credit Union rendered a great and needed service during the past few weeks, when we were all struggling with Income Tax problems.

This service was appreciated, I am sure. Many production hours were saved for the war effort.

So, whatever your credit needs may be, contact your Credit Union for information and service.

The two gals in the C. U. office will willingly help you with every facility.

They dropped her layer cake with a whack
And said: "Now don't get sore',
We'll get an automobile jack
And raise it from the floor.

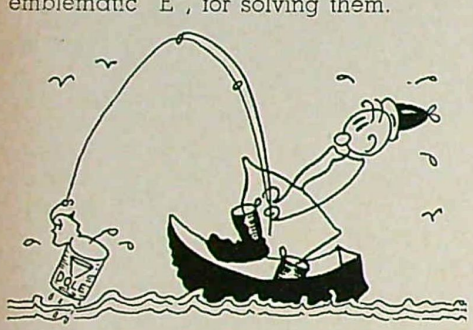
These two boys did NOT sing this ditty when they ate the luscious chocolate cake shown in this picture, baked by a modest gal who doesn't want her name known, but whose initials are N. H. Left to right: Sgt. Michael Cheh and Cpl. Alfred Carosiellie, both from Camp Haan (Anti-aircraft battery).

DAILY DOINGS IN YOUR DEPARTMENT

CAFETERIA

LET'S EAT HERE EVERY DAY: Friendliness radiates from the Cafeteria Staff. That's why we hear so many Plomb Toolers say: "Let's eat here every day". It's a good habit.

FROM THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR: "Among the many agencies which, with a minimum of fanfare, are efficiently aiding the nation's industrial soldiers are the many Company cafeterias. The war has brought unprecedented problems, including food shortages and labor restrictions. The industrial cafeterias rate an emblematic "E", for solving them.



YOU CAN'T GO FISHING FOR CANNED GOODS: It takes real shopping to keep the Cafeteria supplied with the multitude of canned fruits and other tasty tid bits when the fresh stuff is out of season. But . . . the Cafeteria of the future is going to be able to serve fish that is "fresher than fresh" because they are caught, cleaned, wrapped and quick frozen a few hours after landing . . . and packed in convenient 10 pound units, eliminating spoilage and making uniform servings easy to figure. Ocean goodness with fresh caught flavor.

NO JAP HUMOR: "Japs have no sense of humor" says a noted columnist. However, they probably got the point when an aviator dropped an "egg" squarely on a Nip troopship, muttering to himself. "I bet this slays 'em"!

HOW TO SHORTEN AN EDITOR'S WORK: "Mch hs bn writn abt refrmd splling as a savr of spce. Pssbly ths wd b a gd pln bt it wd be a btir pln if a systm of abbrvtns wr adptd thn as mch as 40% cd b svd. It wdn't b so hrd to read eithr. U cn read ths, cn't U?

MEANDERING WITH MELENDEZ

Dan Melendez

CASUALTY: THOMAS WARREN, brother of our **JOE TEMPLETON** (Maintenance) was killed in action March 1st in the Admiralty Islands area. He was a sergeant and 27 years of age. Our sympathy to you, Joe. We're sorry. This war plays no favorites. The sacrifices we at home are making are indeed of little consequence when compared to the **great** sacrifice . . . that of giving one's life for freedom.

HO HUM! March 15 has came and went — and our cash with it. We don't mind giving to Uncle Sam, but it's the complicated way he wants o know "how much"? We're willing to give Caesar what belongs to Caesar, so long as we can also give Tojo **his** licking.

CHERCHEZ LA FEMME: What's the world coming to? For years, the Maintenance Department stood undaunted and unconquored, a man's place in a man's world — where men were men and Tom Gillespie pounded the typewriter keys. No female entered our domain, and if she did, she quietly delivered the mail and departed. But . . . alas, the fort has fallen. Soon, white curtains will appear in our window ramparts where before JIM WEEKS' cigarette butts reposed properly quenched. A comely wench has infiltrated into our ranks. Alas poor Yorick. We knew him when — when he could cuss, spit through a knothole and never give a damn.

OUR OWN BENNY, whom we raised from a baby, weaned on a pipe wrench and swathed in electrician's overalls, has grown wings and left us for Tool and Die Dep't. There will always be a fluorescent light burning over the compressor, Benny, and may it lead you back to our tool crib.

—— BUY WAR BONDS ——

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT
(Filing Room)

Betty Bowles and Patty Geldermann

MARY ADELE DANA is out this week with a strep throat. **PATTY** is taking over as bank messenger. She did come back from Texas you know.

VIRGINIA RENNIE is taking a leave of absence for medical care. **BETTY BOWLES,** who is taking over Virginia's duties, is doing a nice job.

IRMA NISPEL'S praises were sung by WHAT two appreciative members of Production Cost Accounting? ? ?

NORA WHITAKER is looking forward to having a tonsilectomy during her Easter vacation. Some fun!

BEA RILEY, who files something of most everything, is what we girls call our "Lil' Ray of Sunshine!"

Facts

We marked, sorted and filed 286 pieces of correspondence Monday of this week.

The filing of our new Order Form System is under control although there is still some confusion as to "What to call What."

METALLURGICAL DEPARTMENT

Fred Robbins, Chief Metallurgist
Pauline M. Kendall, Reporter

JACK O'BRIEN'S motto is "Variety is the spice of life" and he really goes out of his way to provide said variety. The other night he drove into one gas station and bought his quota of gasoline, then upon leaving the station he decided he needed water to cool off his thirsty engine and promptly drove into another service station and got the aforesaid needed water. Upon stopping at the next stop signal a newsboy informed him that one of his tires needed air so Jack drove into the nearest station and put air into the tire. Yes, I think Jack finally made it home. I say that merely because he appeared in the lab the next morning.

ROBERT "Bob" HARRIS is the name of that congenial chap you see in the vicinity of the steel room and storage yard. He's very shy but he's equally efficient. He really gets some subtle remarks of now and then, but far and away the most charming thing about him is the way he blushes afterward. Bob and **Gene** (of the Heat Treat) are brothers in case any of youse guys and gals had missed the resemblance. My ambition is to get them together some day and see which one can blush the hardest. All kidding aside they are two swell fellows and are very pleasant working associates indeed.

EARL EMERY'S martial status is a constant source of wonder in this department. All questions about this should be directed his way.

—— BUY WAR BONDS ——

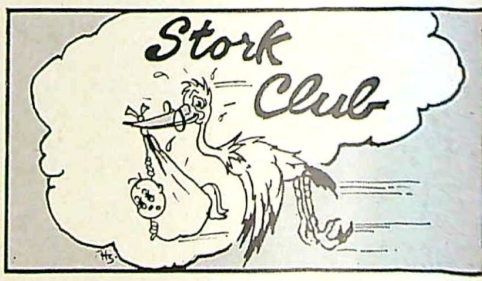
DIP ROOM

John Cross, Foreman
Elaine Kimber, Reporter

CEMENTING GOOD WILL: What well known Personnel man was seen last Saturday morning tearing up cement with a Jack Hammer? Bill must be planning on a real post-war job.

PRESTO! CHANGO! I suppose by now you all know that the Grinding and Dip Room have changed their theme song from "My Shining Hour" to "Since I Lost You" — due to the latest report on the Bond Drive.

—— BUY WAR BONDS ——



CONGRATULATIONS are in order for **ERNEST RYAN** and his wife who now boast of a new baby girl. We'll have to widen the doors so Ernie can get through he's so proud!

FORGE SHOP

Pat Ryan, Sup't.

JOHN FRANKLIN is happy again. Wifey returned from the east. Was visiting her two sons who are in the Air Force.

L. BLACK, JR., is sporting a brand new coupe (1929 Chevy). Sounds like his hammer.

JOHN GILMORE — Monday at 2:30 p. m., had an appendectomy performed at the Hawthorne hospital in Hawthorne. Is getting along fine.

ANDY TOTH had the honor of giving his neice away in marriage last Saturday, March 18. A dress affair, too, says Andy.

—— BUY WAR BONDS ——

ENGINEERING ANGLES

Mary Bartels, Engineering Dep't.

Since this is the first contribution to the Anvil Chorus from the Engineering Dep't., I will introduce the department and its personnel.

We are located around the mezzanine and up a short flight of stairs from the Cafeteria. Our tool designers and draftsmen design the jigs, fixtures, dies, and mechanisms for the shop. They design and make the drawings of the products that are made in the shop. Most of the shop orders for tools go through this department to have blueprints attached.

Our Chief Engineer is **TOMMY PEASE,** who should be a familiar figure to everyone as he was a designer for the Maintenance Department.

EDDIE BESS has been with Plomb for over four years. He is our Assistant Chief Engineer. He does all the checking of designs and drawings made and assists the designers when they are having difficulties.

EVERETT WILLIS, CHARLES RADCLIFFE, and **DAN SCHULLE** are our tool designers. They are kept very busy designing new jigs, fixtures, dies and improving the design of old ones.

BOB BLAESS is our product draftsman, constantly keeping the product drawings up to date and revising them to meet the requirements of these fast-moving times.

DICK GADDIS is one of our Junior Draftsmen and is hoping to be a tool designer in time to come. Right now he is kept very busy with Penens tracings and the detailing of fixture designs.

ETHEL ANDERSON is our other Junior Draftsman and came to us from Douglas. She also helps to keep the product drawings up to date.

MILDRED HOOVER is our blueprint girl. She makes all the photostats and runs the blueprint machine.

MARY BARTELS certifies the blueprints that go on the shop orders, keeps the files up to date and is the general handy-man for the department.

Well, this is the gang and we hope to be in closer contact and to become better acquainted with the rest of the Plomb toolers.

—— BUY WAR BONDS ——

CHUCK SPILLMAN, our Michigan representative, is recovering from a spell of "flu".

BILLING DEPARTMENT

WEDDING BELLS: The phone had a new tingle the other morning for **PHYLLIS WESTERLUND.** What a surprise — Florida calling! "Phil" left Thursday for Red Oak, Iowa and when she returns you will have to address her as "MRS". The lucky man is **BILL APPLE** of the Army Air Forces.

WARNING! Don't be surprised if the walls of the Billing Dept., begin to bulge from the increase in help. They're really piling up orders for the Shipping Dept.

The new Chef Sunday was **DWANE BRICE.** Was that coffee good! ! !

—— BUY WAR BONDS ——

PERSONNEL-ITIES

F. Bozon, Chief Clerk, Personnel Dept.

We regret having to say "ADIOS" to our Graveyard Timekeeper, **ENA HOLLINGSWORTH,** who has gone to join her husband in Washington. She hopes to present him very shortly with that "Bundle of Happiness". Ena says, "I hope it is a boy, he might even become the Vice-President some day". Good luck, Ena, we've all enjoyed working with you.

We also take this opportunity to welcome to the "Plomb Team" **PEGGY PAGE** who has taken over Ena's duties. She comes to us very highly recommended and has already demonstrated her ability. Good work, Peggy, and keep it up.

PATRIOTISM: **ZELDA MAXWELL** our No. 1 Bowler played an exhibition game recently. Result "No Strikes" for duration. We note that one of her opponents (no name plez) scored a 26 game. Sounds like Gutter snipes, Huh?

We shall all miss **VERDA PORTMAN** who has been assisting in Insurance and Safety and gladly pinch hitting as needed in the Department. Verda has taken a leave of absence to go to Georgia to visit her brother, she says! We are wondering if maybe cupid has beckoned?

If you have been enjoying the music of Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey and other popular bands, mention a thanks to **FREDDY ANDEJAS** and **JACK KOEHLER** in Receiving, **BOB HARRIS** in the Steel Room, **ALFRED ANSELL** in Machine Repair and, for those swell rumba recordings, **JOSEPHINE VILLASENOR** in the Export Department. These people have generously loaned their prize records for your pleasure. If you would like to hear some of your own recordings while you work, bring them to the Medical Department and we shall be glad to play them for you, and how! **We** would like to hear some new selections, too. We guarantee to play them only a few times and return them in the same condition as received.

—— BUY WAR BONDS ——

ANNIVERSARY PINS

Factory—

HARVEY K. BLOCK	3 years
NORMAN MAUGH	3 years
CYRIL A. NIELSON	3 years
FRANK SULLIVAN	3 years
FRANK TALBE	3 years
VIOLA PASQUALE	3 years

NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

Saturday, March 18th, the Annual Meeting and Election of the Board of Directors of the Plomb Employees' Association was held in the Club House. While the attendance was not large considering the total membership a great amount of interest was shown in the possible activities of the Association. The new Board is composed of the following IF they are all able to serve:

Kurt Apel, Inspection; John Cross, Dip Room; Joe Plumb, Tool and Die; Lionel Murray, Polish; Bob Bach, Tool Crib; Norman Robb, Dispatching; Eleanor Thompson, Production Control; Frank Lampley, Machine Shop; Gordon Wilkinson, Distribution Service; Willie Jones, Accounts Payable; Louis Chavez, Engraving; John Gilmore, Hammer Repair; Art Craft, Maintenance.

The new officers are: Kurt Apel, president; Frank Lampley, vice-president; Eleanor Thompson, secretary; and Willie Jones, treasurer.

Any member of the Association has the right at any time to appear before the Board which meets at 4:30 p. m. on Mondays in the Conference Room, and have his say. It is your Association and your Board of Directors.

HEAR YE—HEAR YE

HEDDY LAMARR and **JOE E. BROWN** will not be at this Saturday night party, but if you really want one we'll organize a jive session that will really be a WOW.

CLUBHOUSE PARTY AND DANCE!

So many requests have come in for a party and dance in the Clubhouse that we are getting ready for one that will really **be something.** But . . . it takes time and lots of work to do the job right . . . and we'd like to count noses in advance, if possible.

A REAL BAND . . LOTS OF FUN

DOOR PRIZES

Coffee and Doughnuts FREE

Members ..... 50¢ couple

Friends and relatives ..... 75¢ couple

The Date: SATURDAY, APRIL 29

PLEASE CHECK COUPON AND TEAR CORNER OF PAGE OFF AND DROP IT IN SUGGESTION BOX . . OR TEAR OFF ENTIRE PAGE AND HAND IT TO MAIL GIRL AS SHE PASSES THROUGH YOUR DEPARTMENT. PLEASE DO IT NOW . . . before you forget. Let's have the list as soon as possible. YOU DON'T HAVE TO SIGN YOUR NAME if you don't want to . . . . BUT GET YOUR TENTATIVE RESERVATION IN.

I will be at the Clubhouse Party and Dance, Saturday, April 29 .....

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(If you care to do so, sign here)

MAJOR SCHMULIAN SAYS:

Absentee Workers to Get Less Gas

A four million gallon "leak" has been plugged by O. P. A. to halt wide-spread misuse of rationed gasoline. All absentee war workers can go gadding about the southland on their own feet or on street cars and busses but the Office of Price Administration isn't interested in giving them gasoline for that purpose.

Hitting directly at the misuse of gas rations by light-hearted workers absent from their benches or offices, Ed A. Poehlmann, OPA assistant district rationing executive said a mouthful last week that sounded exactly like this:

"Gasoline lost through misuse is just as detrimental to the rationing program as that which leaks out through black market operations. Therefore every case of absenteeism will be reported to Transportation Committees and thoroughly investigated while a record will be kept to spot repeaters".

If a worker has a renewal for gasoline coming up April 1st and his record shows 12 days absent during the previous month his renewal application will be moved ahead 12 days.

It is felt that this new ruling by OPA will halt much of the failures to appear on the job.

Note: There is no reason to be worried about the value of your "A" coupon. It is still good for THREE gallons . . . BUT the coupon must last you longer. The **amount** of gasoline remains at **three gallons** but the time element has been increased.

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

No man ever choked to death swallowing his own pride.

CHARLES L. WHEELER
President and General Manager
The Salt Lake Hardware Co.

GOLFERS TO PLAY NORRIS STAMPING

Dauntlessly accepting their challenge, Plomb Golfers will tangle with the divot digging group of the Norris Stamping Co. The contest is scheduled for Sunday, April 2, at Inglewood Country Club (formerly Potrero). Starting times will be asigned starting at 11:30 a. m.

The Stampers threaten with several low handicappers to match strokes with our gang led by Jigger Statz and Kurt Apel. They also promise to have several not so expert to **miss** strokes with Overin and Ringle — so it looks like a good time for all.

Help Win the War
BUY MORE BONDS

RECORD BREAKERS

Record breaking accomplishments by the Inventory, Order and Billing Departments have been made in recent days in the processing of orders.

A second shift stockroom crew started last night on the huge job of shipping double what has previously been thought of as large shipments.

Real teamwork by the people in these departments has overcome many obstacles and their performance will be worth watching through the next few weeks.

As you know, our goal is to place the tools in the hands of the men who will use them and who need them most with the shortest possible delay.

WE STARTED THIS THING, GANG, AND WE ARE NOT GOING TO STOP UNTIL WE FINISH THE JOB!

Signed
Dwane M. Brice
Ernest Wynkoop

—— BUY WAR BONDS ——

AND THIS is more truth than poetry:

There's lipstick on the drinking cup
There's cold cream on the drill
Hand lotion on the ratchet wrench
And talcum on the mill.
Evening in Paris scents the air
That once held lube oil smell
The cars are tuned with bobby pins
Believe me — war IS hell.

—— BUY WAR BONDS ——

INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

Glenn Crist, Chief Inspector
Mary Brazzil, Reporter

GLENN CRIST is back with us after having spent a very enjoyable vacation in Illinois. Glad to have you back, Glenn.

BESS SALFRANK'S mother has been very ill. Glad to hear she is much better.

SAYS A NEW COMER: "After being on small drills for a long time, it seems peaceful in this department". O boy! Home was never like this, as Larry says.

BOB BELL, our foreman, is one of the State Guards, and a good one too, we'll bet.

SATURDAY OFF sounds good to us. All of the girls are satisfied with the new hours. Who **wouldn't** be?

MARY CUBBERLY'S daughter was here Saturday and paid us a visit. Cute girl.

—— BUY WAR BONDS ——

CUSTOMER: "Remember that cheese you sold me yesterday?"

GROCER: "Yes, ma'am!"

CUSTOMER: "Did you say it was IMported or DEported from Switzerland?'

BERKELEE BROWN who worked in our purchasing dep't., was tendered a farewell luncheon in the Cafeteria by her girl friends at Plomb She is going home, then to Washington, D. C., to be married (see last week's A. C.) At head of table sits the happy bride-to-be and to her right NOLA NOYES, her successor. Left to right others guests are: ETHEL BURGARD, FRANCES DAVISON, MARTHA BRANN, HELEN WILKINSON, SARAH ANDARY, RUBY BURBANK, GAYLE HUNTER (remember her) NORA HILTON, ROSE GONZALEZ, MILDRED JACKSON, HELEN COLE, DOROTHY VAN GUNDY, R. N.